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AUTOMOBILE AND TRACTOR INTUSTRY TO INCREASE OUTPUT IN 1949

The 1949 plan for the Ministry of Antomobile and Tractor Industry calls for a 42-percent increase in production as compared to 1948, and a 60-percent increase over the prewar level of output. Automobile production is to exceed that of 1948 by 35 percent, and that of prewer by 87 percent.

The quantitative increase in automobile production in 1949 must be accompanied by the introduction of new models such as the GAZ-63, the ZIS-151 and the light convertible Embriolet. In 1949, 68 percent of all autos produced are to be new models.

. Antomobile openes, trucks, dump trucks, buses, and other products based on automobile manufacture, will be produced in much greater quantity in 1949.

The Moscow Auto Plant imend Stalin will convert to the production of postpar models, and increase its output 21 percent as compared with the 1948 plan. The plant converted to production of new model trucks at the beginning of 1948.

The Gor'kiy Auto Plant will boost production of new models 1.6 times. Total output will be 37 percent over 1948.

The Mosorw Plant for Low-Power Automobiles will double 1948 production in 1949.

The output of spare parts will increase 67 percent in 1949. Parts for automobile models which are no longer in production will continue to be manufactured.

In 1948, tractor production was up to 140 percent, as compared with prewar. A 46-percent increase over 1948 is planned for 1949. Two tractor plants are to produce the new and better ED-35 Diesel tractor.

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The manufacture of parts for tractors is to be 14 percent higher than in 1948 and 37 percent over the prewar level.

Improving the quality of all types of automotive products is one of the major asks facing the industry. Automobiles, tractors, motorcycles, and licycles, are especially in need of improvement.

Labor productivity is to be 15-17 percent higher in 1949 than in 1948. To this end, labor conditions will be improved, labor-consuming and hand methods will be mechanized, work places will be properly organized, and technically sound norms of work which can be fulfilled by the mass of the workers will be introduced.

Ascording to the 1949 plan, the next of production will be significantly lower than in 1946, particularly in the production of the ZIS-150, GAS-51, the Pobeds, Moskvich and the SEATZ-MATI tractor.

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